

Reteaching Activity

Reading Comprehension Find the missing word or phrase that best completes each of the sentences below. Write your answers in the blank.

1. Beginning around 500 B.C., in what is now southeastern Nigeria and continuing until just recently, the _____ people moved southward throughout Africa, spreading their language and their culture.
2. In the 15th century, the Portuguese established the island of _____ off the coast of what is now Gabon as the first base for trade in African captives. The Europeans wanted slaves for their plantations in the Americas.
3. By the end of the slave trade in 1870, Europeans had transported millions slaves to the _____ and _____.
4. After the region of the Congo was explored in the 1870s, _____ of Belgium developed an interest in the area.
5. During the 19th and 20th centuries, the _____ and the _____ primarily colonized Central Africa.
6. Most Central African countries gained their independence in the 1960s, but the _____ borders imposed on the Africans during colonialism posed problems. These borders disrupted long-standing systems of _____ in Africa and pitted groups of Africans against each other.
7. Central Africa's economy is still recovering from the effects of colonialism. The only economic infrastructure the European colonizers developed was to aid the removal of _____. They left no money to develop roads, railroads, or a productive education system for the people of these countries.
8. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, problems with the country's economy continued after independence in the 1960s. _____, the country's leader from the 1960s until 1997, began to take money in order to profit from his nation's reorganization. The country's economy, educational system, and social structure began a rapid decline.
9. Central African art often expresses the struggle against colonialism. This art has also influenced some of the most famous artists of the 20th century. In 1907, the great Spanish artist Pablo Picasso saw a display of African _____ in Paris. He soon began using African themes in his work.
10. In recovering from the effects of colonialism, Central African countries are placing their hopes on education. However, education in the region suffers from few trained _____, a high dropout rate, and a shortage of _____ schools.